

| MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS                  |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron   | 13.4  |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 12.5  |
| Hours flown                           | -0.9  |
| Monthly offset                        |       |
| 33rd Rescue Squadron                  | 50    |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 25.4  |
| Hours flown                           | -24.6 |
| Monthly offset                        |       |
| 909th Air Refueling Squadron          | 87    |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 54.4  |
| Hours flown                           | -32.6 |
| Monthly offset                        |       |
| 44th Fighter Squadron                 | 149   |
| Monthly sortie contract               | 160   |
| Sorties flown                         | +11   |
| Monthly offset                        |       |
| 67th Fighter Squadron                 | 153   |
| Monthly sortie contract               | 137   |
| Sorties flown                         | -16   |
| Monthly offset                        |       |
| Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 4 |       |

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy  
N/W winds @ 7-12 knots  
High: 68 Low: 54

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy  
N/W winds @ 12-32 knots  
High: 61 Low: 52

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy  
S/W winds @ 12-18 knots  
High: 61 Low: 52

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES

BUYING: \$1=Y107 SELLING: Y113=\$1

# 1st SOS loadmaster earns Distinguished Flying Cross

By Master Sgt Michael Farris  
353rd Special Operations Group  
Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Joshua Aldrich, a loadmaster with the 1st Special Operations Squadron, received the Distinguished Flying Cross in a ceremony here Wednesday.

U.S. Special Operations Command Commander, Gen. Doug Brown, presented the Air Force's sixth highest honor to Aldrich saying "no other force on earth could have performed such a mission."

Sergeant Aldrich flew as part of a six-ship package of MC-130s infiltrating 300 special forces troops into Bashur, Iraq, on March 22, 2003 - establishing the northern front. During three hours and 700 miles of grueling low-level flight at 250 feet, his aircraft plunged into one of the most murderous enemy engagements ever experienced by an MC-130 crew.

At one point, the planes crossed a ridgeline when an entire battalion of enemy anti-aircraft artillery and more than 30 guns opened fire. The sky lit up with tracers as Aldrich directed the

pilots to maneuver the plane.

Sergeant Aldrich, a 27-year-old from Carlyle, Ill., said the experience was both sobering and unforgettable.

"We knew we were flying into a war before we took off," he said. "Nobody was expecting a walk in the park."

Nonetheless, a split second of shock and horror gripped the crew when they realized they were a slow-flying prize and the \$115 million Combat Talon II would be a great trophy for hundreds of Iraqi soldiers shooting at them.

"Almost immediately, our training kicked-in," he said. "We train hard and stay so incredibly focused, it's difficult to find time to worry."

The crew maneuvered around the threats and delivered the troops to the objective. After returning to base, and hours of debriefings, Aldrich said sleep was elusive.

"It took me a long time to fall asleep the next morning," he said. "At the time I didn't realize it - realize how close we were to cashing it in. But our job was to get these operators into a landing zone. So that's what we did."

Due to Sergeant Aldrich's quick actions, his aircraft received only

minor battle damage, and the lives of 58 personnel on board were saved.

Sergeant Aldrich is humbled at joining the small group of Flying Cross recipients, but said his thoughts and prayers are reserved for those who have died fighting and will never stand to receive their awards.

"We're a pretty tight community and the people are the best part of this job. No matter how complex or dangerous a mission is, it's always carefully planned out down to the finest details," he said. "I have the greatest confidence in the people around me - they are absolute special operations professionals. From maintainers to planners and support personnel, everyone's top-notch."

General Brown praised Aldrich and his fellow aircrew members flying in and around Iraq.

"This war on terrorism is serious business," he said. "The aircrews took heavy fire that night and it's important to know their training took over when it had to. They were ready to carry out a dangerous mission when asked."



Air Force/Master Sgt. Michael Farris Staff Sgt. Joshua Aldrich, a loadmaster for the 1st Special Operations Squadron, reviews preflight checklists on the ramp.

# Air Force Assistance Fund begins at Kadena

By Master Sgt.  
Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena residents have until April 12 to help raise more than \$90,000 in contributions to a fund designed to help airmen in need.

The 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign began Monday and organizers said the local goal for this year's campaign is \$90,328.

The annual campaign supports four Air Force-specific charities: The Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, Inc. and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation Indigent Widow's Fund.

Unlike the Combined Federal Campaign, the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is designed specifically to help Air Force members and their families, said Maj. Elaine Washington, project officer for this year's local campaign.

Last year, 38 percent of the active duty population at Kadena contributed said Major Washington. "Getting people to contribute is the

Why should you donate?

Air Force Assistance Fund officials say \$406,568 was used by airmen and their families at Kadena in 2003. Donating to this program helps airmen right at Kadena, officials say. The following is a breakdown of how the money was used at Kadena last year:

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Loans.....\$146,598

Grants.....\$4,163

EDUCATION

Spouse tuition assistance.....\$182,494

Education grants.....\$24,000

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTPROGRAMS

Child care for PCS moves.....\$13,946

Give parents a break.....\$7,771

Local education programs.....\$7,410

Car Care Because We Care.....\$6,330

Youth Employment Skills.....\$4,747

Bundles for Babies.....\$3,215

Nursing Moms.....\$2,100

Child care for volunteers.....\$1,540

Heart Link.....\$1,200

Wellness.....\$1,054

more difficult aspect of the project," she said. The goal at Kadena this year is to have 50 percent or more of the active-duty force make a contribution. Major Washington said contributions are tax deductible and all the money raised by Air Force people helps other airmen. "There's really not a valid reason for not contributing," she said.

For those who want to contribute, Major Washington said unit representatives plan on contacting all eligible dona-

tors by the end of this month. "We have people deployed and that's why it's going to take us a little longer to contact everyone," she said.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. It is chartered to assist active-duty members and their families during emergencies. Last year the society helped more than 34,000 people with \$25 million worth of assistance in various forms.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund provides

financial assistance to widows and widowers of Air Force active duty and retired officers and also supports the Wilford Hall Medical Center bone marrow transplant program.

The Air Force Enlisted Foundation also helps widows of enlisted airmen who find themselves living in poverty after the death of their spouse. Some of the assistance provided includes rent subsidies and free transportation to hospitals.

The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis

E. LeMay Foundation cares for widowed spouses of active-duty or retired Air Force members of all ranks by offering financial grants.

In 2003, Kadena received \$406,568 for emergency relief funds, educational grants and community enhancement programs through the Air Force Aid Society.

For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, contact your unit project officer or group representative:

18th Civil Engineer Group - 2nd Lt. Tom Essenpreis, 634-0263.

18th Mission Support Group - 2nd Lt. April Kerr, 634-8912.

18th Medical Group - Capt. Matthew Krauchunas, 630-4170.

18th Maintenance Group - Capt. Darlene Gines, 634-4775.

18th Operations Group - Maj. Allen Carver, 634-1416.

18th Wing staff agencies- Staff Sgt. Keith Tiare, 634-4320.

353rd Special Operations Group - Master Sgt. Clint Rogers, 634-9444.





# Recycling center makes cash out of trash

By Kathleen Hopper

718th Civil Engineer Squadron

Kadena is saving big dollars from your participation in the recycling program.

Sure you want to save the Earth for your children, and of course you want to feel good about conserving resources, but recycling saves more than trees and electricity... recycling saves money.

Some of us look at the waste sitting on the curb and see big dollar signs. This is what kind of money your trash is making:

## Cardboard

Cardboard from your PCS move boxes earns Kadena ¥5 per kilogram. Although it may only be approximately two cents per pound, it adds up pretty quick.

Last year Kadena earned more than \$10,000 just from selling used cardboard – that's in addition to the \$29,500 Kadena saved by not throwing the cardboard into a landfill.

## Scrap metal

Scrap metal is more than used beer and soda cans. You can recycle any metal item such as bikes (remove the seat and tires first), barbecue grills

(clean out any ash or lava rocks), aluminum lawn furniture, car rims, metal file cabinets – the list goes on.

Kadena earned over \$34,000 in fiscal year 2003 for recycling scrap brass, aluminum, steel, copper, wire and other metal items, and we saved over \$100 per ton by keeping it out of the landfill.

Even the brass at the firing range is recycled, so send us that old trampoline frame and basketball hoop you were going to throw away.

## Paper

The Kadena recycle program accepts just about any type of paper. You can use the curbside collection program to donate newspaper, magazines and catalogs, brown grocery bags, white paper, mixed or colored paper – even packing or shipping paper. Bag these items and leave

them on the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your designated collection day.

Paper earns Kadena anywhere from \$7.89 per ton to \$43.23 per ton. It's important to note that glossy and wax coated paper is not recyclable on Okinawa (for example, cereal boxes, milk cartons, soda and beer 6-pack cartons, etc).

If your bag contains these types of paper it will not be picked-up by the recyclers.

## Cans and glass

The curbside program accepts cans and glass as well. Wash out containers and remove paper labels. Bag the items separately (glass in one bag, metal cans in another) and put them on the curb on your recycling collection day.

Aluminum, steel and tin cans are all accepted. A pallet of 39 compressed

aluminum blocks containing approximately 800 cans sells for \$640.

Glass bottles are crushed into sand that is used by the 18th Civil Engineer Group for fill-in construction and repair projects.

This means Kadena does not need to purchase clean fill material, and saves more money.

Kadena residents are welcome to use the sand as well. It's available free of charge at the Kadena Recycle Center – just bring your own container and haul it away.

## The big payoff

Profits from the Kadena recycling program are used for morale and welfare projects. Any profit the recycling center makes from selling your trash can be used to build playgrounds, improve parks and provide recreational programs.

## Room for improvement

Right now only about 40 percent of recyclable items are being recycled.

That means a large number of base occupants are not participating in the recycling program.

Participation is mandatory, so whether you're at the office or at home, start thinking of that soda can or piece of paper as cash, not trash.

## ACTION LINES

E-mail:

18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil



Brig. Gen.  
Jeffrey Remington  
18th Wing  
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## Too Giant Voice?

The 6:45 a.m. reveille and 9 p.m. taps are a concern to Chennault Loop residents. The loudspeaker wakes up children early in the morning and at night. Is there anything that can be done?

Before installing the Giant Voice system, a site survey was conducted by the contractor. Location and placement of the speakers were based on the limited number of outdoor speakers, amplification capability, power supply access and allowing maximum coverage in the housing areas. There are a total of 9 speakers mounted on residential buildings. Turning down the

speakers would provide less coverage in certain pockets of housing – limiting mass alerting capabilities. We would like to increase the coverage area. Included in that proposal is a request for the contractor to move the speakers off the tops of houses/residential buildings, if possible. Our experts from civil engineer, communications and command post are working closely with the contractors to reduce the inconvenience to residents, but still ensure the system is capable of meeting mission requirements. In the meantime, I have directed the command post to reduce the volume of the speakers on residential buildings in housing areas. However, when necessary for mission requirements, the speakers will be returned to appropriate levels to ensure maximum coverage.

### PHONE NUMBERS

AAFES Action Line.....645-4301  
Base Exchange.....633-4570  
Clubs.....634-3002  
Commissary.....634-3640  
Finance.....634-1996  
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....634-0404

Home Telephone Helpline.....634-4080  
Housing Maintenance.....634-HOME  
Kadena Services.....634-1719  
Medical and Dental.....630-4785  
Safety.....634-SAFE  
Security Forces.....634-1397



## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Arrin Whitt

18th Logistic Readiness Squadron, Assistant NCOIC Fire Truck Maintenance

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Reason for nomination: According to her supervisors, Sergeant Whitt is a highly focused and energetic individual who worked 12 hours overtime recently to repair the fire truck fleet.

Time at Kadena: 4 years

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**CHANGE OF COMMAND:** Lt. Col. Neil Billings will take command of the 353rd Operations Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Robert McDonald at 1:53 p.m. today in the commando west hangar.

**TERM IV APPLICATIONS:** Kadena's base education and training office is accepting term four applications for the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program. Applications are due today. For more information, call 634-1500.

**CLOSURES:** The Kadena family support center will be closed today for carpet installation. For Air Force Aid emergencies, call 634-3366.

- The 18th Munitions Squadron munitions storage area will be closed until March 12 for inventory. Only emergency requests approved by a group commander or equivalent, will accepted. For more information, call Master Sgt. Keith Krigger at 632-5309 or Senior Master Sgt. Gassie Orr at 632-5064.

**FAITH CONVENTION:** The Kadena Holy Family Parish kicks off its 2004 Faith Convention at Chapel 1 at 6 p.m. March 12. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes desserts, seminar entry and Lenten lunch. For more information, call

Faron Petteys at 938-1949 or e-mail cwocinoki@yahoo.com.

**AFOSI AGENTS WANTED:** Air Force Office of Special Investigations is looking for new recruits. There will be a briefing for eligible members from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday with interviews scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m., March 11. For more information call 634-3171.

**NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON:** The 2004 National Prayer Luncheon will be held at the Rocker NCO Club at 11:30 a.m. March 19. Cost is \$5 for all ranks above E-5 (E-4 and below are free). For more information, call 634-1288.

**SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM:** The Civilian Personnel Flight is now accepting applications for Kadena's Summer Hire Program at Bldg. 721. Applications will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. U.S. citizen SOFA dependents of DoD military and civilian employees who are 14-22 years of age are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Kadena CPF. Employment will begin July 6 and end Aug. 20. Sponsors may apply on behalf of their dependents who are not currently on island. Applicants' passports and Social Security cards will be required for verification. For

## 733rd AMS, 18th DS win Commander's trophies



Air Force/ Chiaki Iramina

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, 18th Wing commander, presents the Commander's Trophy for the Small Division to Col. Richard Paschedag, 18th Dental Squadron commander, during a Kadena Team Staff Meeting at wing headquarters Feb. 23. The 733rd Air Mobility Squadron was also presented with the Commander's Trophy for the Large Division. Each year the trophies are presented to the top units in both categories that compete in base-wide sporting events.

more information, call 632-7914.

**INTERNATIONALBAZAAR:** There will be an Air Force Sergeants

Association and USO Pacific International Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Risner Fitness Center. More

than 30 international vendors jewelry, antiques, island imports and other items. For more information, call 634-0585.



# AMC commander explains Patriot Express cutbacks

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Air Mobility Command officials announced last month that the Patriot Express, a transit system for official travelers mainly in the Pacific and Europe, would be dramatically scaled down over the next few years.

Last week, during a visit to Kadena, Air Mobility Commander Gen. John W. Handy explained why the program will be cut back.

"The real issue boils down to the financial support of a mission that didn't generate the customer base to support it," explained the commander of U.S. Transportation Command. "The services buy the space on Patriot Express and what we found over time is that people don't use the Patriot Express."

Then why the packed seats on each flight?

According to General Handy, most of the seats used on the Patriot Express flights have been space-available travelers.

"The Patriot Express is popular with space-available travelers, but the people who are supposed to travel on it more often get a commercial ticket," he explained.

**"The bottom line was a \$12-14 million loss every year out of service operations and maintenance budgets."**

**Gen. John W. Handy**  
Air Mobility Command and  
Transportation Command commander

General Handy said what it all comes down to in the end is cutting costs of a program that hasn't been used to its potential.

"Right now the services are paying for the commercial ticket and the seats on the Patriot Express," he said. "The bottom line was a \$12-14 million loss every year out of service operations and maintenance budgets. As the military services looked at it, it made sense that if people are voting with their feet and using commercial travel, it made no sense to continue to pay for Patriot Express."

General Handy said there are still some issues being worked out to minimize the affects of the program, such as pet travel. But he assured people stationed overseas that the goal will be to make things as easy as possible.

"We will continue to work hard because the bottom

line, regardless of the cost, we want to do the things that will support our families as they move back and forth between (duty station) changes," he explained.

General Handy also said that space-available flights on other military aircraft will help get some travelers to where they need to go, but with the ongoing war on terrorism, seats are limited.

"The normal assets that are traveling around this theater and the rest of the world that would provide seats for space-available travel are consumed by supporting the war in Iraq or Afghanistan or other places in the world, which includes this theater," he said. "While we are engaged as heavily as we are not going to see the space-available travel that would normally expect but its not going to be that way all the time."

According to AMC offi-

cials, the routes will be restructured based on planned elimination or closing of service locations.

In fiscal 2005, the Atlanta gateway will close, and Patriot Express flights to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, will end. The military will also adjust the frequency and size of flights to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Keflavik, Iceland.

In fiscal 2006, service to Kadena; Osan and Kunsan air bases, Korea; Keflavik, Iceland; and Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, will end. The reservation center at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and the gateway at Los Angeles International Airport will close. Fiscal 2007 marks the end of service to three American bases in Japan: Yokota and Misawa air bases and the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, as well as the Japan passenger reservation center. The Seattle gateway will also close, and AMC's main PRC here will increase its operating hours. In the last phase, slated for fiscal 2008, service to Lajes Field, the Azores; Aviano AB, Italy; Rota, Spain; and Sigonella, Sicily, will end, the PRC in Germany will close, and AMC's center will begin continuous operations.

## Twenty Articles 15 issued last month

The following Article 15s were issued last month:

- An airman from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron was demoted to airman basic, reprimanded and given 45 days extra duty for being drunk and disorderly and not following directions from his supervisor.
  - A 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron staff sergeant was fined \$200, reprimanded and given one week extra duty for leaving dorm duties early while a large fight broke out in his absence.
  - A senior airman from the 17th Special Operations Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman first class for lying to a replacement dorm manager about being a volunteer for bay orderly. He then left work for 10 days.
  - An 18th AMXS staff sergeant received a suspended demotion to senior airman, suspended fine of \$1,000, given 45 days extra duty and reprimanded for failing to follow technical orders and signing off work he didn't inspect.
  - An 18th AMXS staff sergeant received a suspended demotion to senior airman, suspended fine of \$500, given 30 days extra duty and reprimanded for failing to follow technical orders and missing several steps while installing an engine.
  - An airman first class from the 18th AMXS received a suspended demotion to airman, fined \$500 and given a reprimand for fighting in a bar and returning to the dorm to get into two more fights.
  - A senior airman from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman first class, fined \$1,584 and given 45 days extra duty for drinking on Gate 2 Street and driving a taxi for a joyride.
  - An 18th Communications Squadron senior airman was demoted to airman first class, given 30 days extra duty and reprimanded for getting drunk downtown and climbing onto the roof of a private citizen's home.
  - An 18th EMS senior airman was demoted to airman first class, received a suspended fine of \$1,814 and given 15 days extra duty for falling behind in payments to a local company and not trying to contact them after failing to pay for two months.
  - An 18th EMS airman first class received a suspended demotion to airman, fined \$668 with another \$668 suspended and given 45 days extra duty for reporting to bay orderly at 2 p.m. instead of 6 a.m.
  - An 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron airman first class was demoted to airman, received a suspended fine of \$500, given 45 days extra duty and given 45 days restriction for failing to arrange a return plane ticket from 30 days leave and becoming absent without leave for 10 days.
  - An 18th LRS staff sergeant was fined \$1,890, given 45 days extra duty and restriction and given a suspended demotion to airman first class for getting drunk and disorderly at home and then going to work.
  - An 18th Medical Operations Squadron airman received a suspended demotion to airman basic, given 45 days restriction and extra duty and reprimanded for signing a local national onto Kadena and leaving her unescorted.
  - An 18th Munitions Squadron airman basic was fined \$1,100, reprimanded and given 60 days extra duty for reporting to an exercise processing line drunk.
  - An airman first class from the 718th AMXS received a suspended demotion to airman, fined \$400, given 21 days restriction and reprimanded for being AWOL for four days after Space-Available flights were unavailable.
  - An 18th Security Forces Squadron staff sergeant was given a suspended demotion to senior airman for driving with a suspended license.
  - An 18th CES staff sergeant was demoted to senior airman, given a suspended fine of \$1,814, given 45 days extra duty and reprimanded for driving drunk and being unable to perform required duties.
- Commanders have also implemented the following previously suspended punishments:
- A senior airman from the 718th AMXS struck his wife in the face resulting in a \$500 fine.
  - An 18th LRS airman first class was demoted to airman for oversleeping.
  - An 18th LRS airman first class was demoted to airman for failing to take a career development course test.

# Fifth AF names 27 candidates for Outstanding Airmen of the Year

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The 27 nominees have been named for the 2003 Fifth Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year awards and will learn their fate on during the awards banquet at the Yokota Air Base Enlisted Club on March 11th.

"This is the biggest even of the year for 5th Air Force...on this night, we truly honor the best of the best, representing our very top Airmen, NCOs, Senior NCOs, First Sergeants, Company Grade Officers, U.S. Civilians and Japanese National Employees," said Lt Gen Thomas Waskow, 5th Air Force Commander.

Up to nine personnel from each of the three wings within Fifth Air Force will compete in their respective categories for the distinction of becoming one of the Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003.

For being selected as a potential award recipient, all nominees have been invited to travel with their families and supervisors to Yokota Air Base in March for a week of tours and visits with Fifth Air Force leadership prior to attending the Outstanding Airman of the Year banquet.

Nominees from Headquarters Fifth Air Force, the 18th Wing at Kadena AB, Okinawa, the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa AB, and the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota AB include:

### Fifth Air Force Headquarters

Airman: Senior Airman Christopher P. Davidson  
NCO: Staff Sgt. Katrina L. Blanchard  
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Jeffrey T. Bellitt  
Company Grade Officer: Capt. Patrick L. Hermes  
Civilian (Category II): U.S. and Japanese: Yoshinori Ogawa

### 18th Wing, Kadena

Airman: Senior Airman William D. Moore  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. William K. McQueen  
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Boyce C. Haywood  
First Sergeant: Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey E. Melahn  
Company Grade Officer: Capt. Anthony L. Puente  
Civilian (Category I): U.S. and Japanese: Tashonalaki Jackson  
Civilian (Category II): U.S. and Japanese: Tanya L.M. Edwards

### 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa

Airman: Senior Airman James D. Brown  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Ronnie D. West II  
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Shaun M. Crusha  
First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Billy E. Jett  
Company Grade Officer: Capt. Charles C. Davis  
Civilian (Category I): U.S. and Japanese: Cheryl L. Orraca  
Civilian (Category II): U.S. and Japanese: Kenishi Ishihara

### 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota

Airman: Senior Airman Tekesha L. Terry  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Kiljan A. Anderson  
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Joseph A. Howell Jr.  
First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Kenneth C. Adams  
Company Grade Officer: Capt. Tammy Dotson  
Civilian (Category I): U.S. and Japanese: Nao Morita  
Civilian (Category II): U.S. and Japanese: Namiko Kaneko



# Kadena troops ensure success during Balikatan



Air Force /Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Tech. Sgt. Carl Lane, (left), and Airman 1st Class John Ritter, both from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron's combat mobility element, recover a parachute after an airdrop training at Basa Air Base, Philippines, during exercise Balikatan 2004. A C-130 cargo plane dropped a container delivery system during low altitude training. Balikatan is an annual bilateral exercise that demonstrates American resolve and commitment to train, advise and assist the government of the Philippines. Approximately 2,500 American and 2,300 Philippine forces are taking part in the exercise.



Air Force /Master Sgt. Val Gempis

(CLOCKWISEFROM ABOVE)

**HAUL:** Members of the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron move a container deliver system after it landed at a drop zone during low-altitude airdrop training.

**LIFT:** Members of the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron retrieve a container deliver system after it landed at a drop zone.

**BIKE:** Philippine air force Staff Sgt. Danilo Cano waits for newly arrived Airmen to exit from a C-130 Hercules aircraft.



Air Force /Master Sgt. Val Gempis



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Maj. Manny Martin, uses a compass to explain proper cargo airdrop procedures to Philippine air force Capt. Erich Nazario and Sgt. Victorio Olarte at a drop zone at Basa Air Base, Philippines Feb. 25.

# FIELD

## 18th Medical Group prac



(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) Tech. Williams, 18th Squadron, sets foundation of medical tent.  
TENT: Medics work on roof portion of hospital.  
DOOR: Tech. Girley watches Michael Smith, Sgt. Laura Leos, and 'front door' of hospital.  
STRETCHER: Shane Depew, 'injured' Airman, is moved over an obstacle course.  
TARP: A dozen soldiers are pulling down tarp cover for hospital.



# MEDICINE

## Medics practice wartime skills during Silver Flag exercise

By 2nd Lt. Timothy Lundberg  
18th Wing Public Affairs

**K**adena's 18th Medical Group goes by the saying, "Legendary combat medics, anytime, anywhere."

Last week more than 240 personnel from the group participated in a medical unit readiness training exercise at the Silver Flag site to ensure they have the skills to back up that motto.

Medical personnel are required to go through the two-day exercise every fifteen months to ensure they retain the ability to go into any type of base and provide necessary medical care.

Master Sgt. John Boullion, the non-commissioned officer-in-charge of medical readiness, supervised the training exercise.

Sergeant Boullion said medics need the training frequently because they never know the situation they could be tasked with.

For this reason, he said medics have to know how to set up on sight and immediately begin treating patients.

"We train to the strictest standard we can," he explained. "We could deploy to the desert, a mountain top, into a city - we don't know where we could deploy to."

Sergeant Boullion also noted that the training was something all Kadena medics receive, regardless of their occupation.

"Pretty much every (medical) Air Force specialty code is out here at this point," he said.

While at the Silver Flag training area, medical personnel learned about radio operations, unexploded ordnance detection, small shelter set up, navigating an obstacle course with a patient and stretchers and other skills vital to operating at a forward deployed location.

To add to the realism of the exercise, the medics slept in tents inside the Silver Flag area and had only one hot meal each day. The other meals served were meals-ready-to-eat.

Tech. Sgt. Daryl Poe from Kadena's dental clinic emphasized how important this training is to medics.

"All medics are on mobility, we go where they send us," he said.



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# AAFES officials say BDUs in short supply

DALLAS — Backorders from the military supply system are affecting the availability of battle dress uniforms in military clothing sales stores.

Both Army and Air Force clothing stores are out of stock on selected sizes of the enhanced hot weather and temperate BDU coats and trousers.

Bob Little, the general manager for Okinawa-based Army Air Force Exchange Service stores, said Tuesday that the shortage has impacted military clothing stores on Okinawa.

"Our managers are working closely with each other and with headquarters to cross balance inventory and attempt to fill customer's needs for particular sizes where possible from other clothing sales stores throughout the Pacific," he said.

The military supply system advised Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials that the "get-well date" for the temperate BDUs will be August.

"AAFES continues to be in constant communication with (the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia)," said Dave Lumbley, military clothing divisional merchandise manager. "The information we received from DSCP indicates AAFES will be experiencing shortages on temperate BDUs through the end of summer 2004."

Representatives from DSCP said the current supply condition is because of the need to produce many more desert BDUs than the woodland style as a result of the war in Iraq.

"The temperate trousers are the item in the most critical position, and while DSCP does not expect [the situation to get better] until August, we will experience a significant increase in deliveries starting in April," said Jim Kane, product manager for battledress uniforms in DSCP's clothing and textile directorate. "We have recently released all backorders for enhanced hot weather coats and trousers. These assets should be reaching the stores soon, and DSCP expects to remain in sustained supply for the enhanced hot weather items."

DSCP and Defense Logistics Agency officials buy



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Airman 1st Class Kerri Cole, 18th Communication Squadron, looks for a pair of battle dress uniforms at Kadena's military clothing sales store Tuesday. Customers looking for out-of-stock uniforms found a message noting that supplies would be limited until August.

about \$10.4 billion worth of food, clothing, textiles, medicines, medical equipment, general and industrial supplies and services annually.

The military supply system provides routine sup-

port for AAFES requirements.

Recruits and units plus other higher-priority requirements such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and recruit induction centers receive first priority.

## R&B star Brian McKnight visits Kadena



Air Force/ Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

**BRIEF:** Lt. Col. Matthew Molloy, 67th Fighter Squadron commander, talks with Kadena maintainers and Rhythm and Blues singer Brian McKnight about the F-15 aircraft during a visit to Kadena Saturday.  
**CONCERT:** Brian McKnight performed for hundreds of fans at the Rocker NCO Club Friday and Saturday night.



Air Force/ 2nd Lt. Chrystal Smith

## Servicemembers can apply for expedited U.S. citizenship

by Gerry J. Gilmore  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Foreign-born servicemembers can now speed up the process to obtain American citizenship.

The immediate eligibility for servicemembers to become a naturalized citizen is based on Executive Order 13269 signed by President Bush on July 3, 2002.

Section 329 of the 8 U.S. Code allows the president to authorize expedited citizenship during periods in which the United States is engaged in armed conflict with a hostile foreign force.

For example, servicemembers who have served honorably for any period of time beginning on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to apply for expedited U.S. citizenship, Col. Michael Pachuta said. He is the director of the Department of Defense's Morale, Welfare and Recreation policy office.

The peacetime waiting period is shortened to one year of honorable service, thanks to the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.

Before the executive order, the peacetime waiting period was three years of honorable military service, Colonel Pachuta said.

Beginning Oct. 1, the new law allows for U.S. citizenship applications to be

finalized at U.S. embassies, consulates and selected military installations overseas, to include citizenship interviews, testing and oaths of allegiance, he said.

Also effective Oct. 1, the new law waives the \$310 citizenship application and fingerprint fee.

The new law also provides sped-up avenues for the non-U.S.-citizen spouses, children and parents of servicemembers who have died as a result of service in combat to obtain "immediate relative" alien status, Colonel Pachuta said.

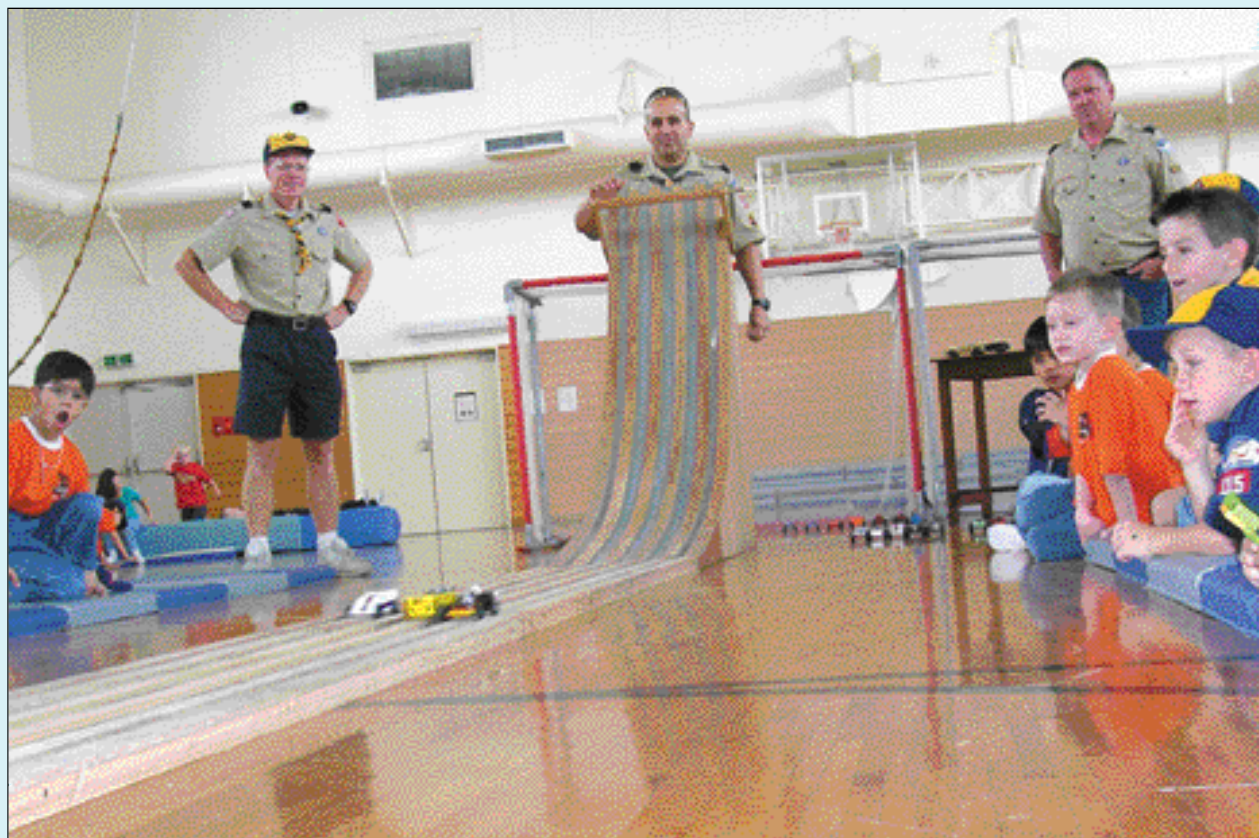
He said the new citizenship application rules cover active-duty servicemembers and National Guard and Reserve people who are classified as members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.

Servicemembers who want to become naturalized U.S. citizens must apply for it, the colonel said.

Soldiers and airmen seeking to become naturalized U.S. citizens under the expedited process can contact their military personnel offices, while sailors and Marines can contact their legal assistance offices for help, Colonel Pachuta said.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web site provides forms, instructions and more helpful information about the naturalization process, he said.





Air Force/ Master Sgt. Brad Carder

## No speed limit here

Tiger Cub Leader Ray Garza launches cars down a track Saturday at Kadena Middle School during Pack 115's annual Pinewood Derby race. Twenty-six Kadena scouts built cars from pinewood blocks and raced against other scouts in their respective dens. Saturday's winners now move on to compete against other pack winners on Okinawa later this month. The first derby was held by scouts in California in 1953.

# Kadena Activities

**Photo contest:** 18th Services Squadron officials recently announced plans to hold a photo contest until June 1. Photos taken during any Services activity, event, program, or facility such as: a sporting event at the Risner Fitness Center or a day out at Okuma, are eligible for the contest. The winner will receive \$500-worth of gift certificates. Photos can be dropped off at the Services Marketing Office, Building 435 along with the contestant's name, phone number, rank (if applicable) and pictures title/description.

**Pampered Pet Day:** The Kadena Karing Kennel will hold a pampered pet day adoption campaign at the Kadena base exchange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13. For more information, call 632-4062.

**Discover classes:** Visit the Schilling Community Center and sign up for one of the following Discover classes: Karate, Calligraphy, Rinkin Band, a local tour or golf.

## Kadena ITT

**Saturday:** *Hearts Apart Yellow Ribbon Tour*, 5:30 to 10 p.m. This tour is free for family members of deployed servicemembers.

• *In the Middle of It All*, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six.

**Sunday:** *Okinawan Folk Tales Tour*, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six.

• *Whale Watching Tour*, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$84 for adults, \$57 for children.

## Clubs

**Saturday:** *Coyote Ugly Theme Night*, begins at 10 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. In addition to rock and country music, there will also be prizes given away.

**Monday:** The Rocker NCO Club will be closed for an annual function.

**March 12:** *Trance Pool*, begins at 10 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club.

**March 13:** *Comedy Jam*, begins at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. A.J. Jamal will perform with Olivia Arrington,

Charles Washington and Dean Howard. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

**March 17:** *Membership Night*, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club. Enjoy a complimentary buffet-style dinner followed up by a comedy showcase featuring Charles Washington and Dean Howard at 8 p.m.

**March 17:** *St. Patrick's Day Membership Night*, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Enjoy a free dinner in addition to games and prizes.

## Kadena Library

**March 27:** *Suessentennial Party*, begins at 9:30 a.m. Children ages three to six are invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. Three Dr. Seuss books will be read and all children will receive coupons and be eligible for prizes. For more information, call 634-1502.

## Kadena Arts & Crafts

**Fridays:** *Activity Day*, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids can play games and get creative. Open to ages 6-8.

## Schilling Community Center

**Sunday:** *DVD and Video Swap*, 10 to 4 p.m. Pre-owned material will be sold.

## Okuma

**Monday through Wednesday:** Okuma Joint Service Recreation Facility will be closed for annual maintenance and training.

## Family Support Center

**Monday:** *Money Management*, 8 to 11 a.m.; *Single Parent Group*, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; *Japanese Syllable Writing*, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday through Friday:** *Transition Assistance Seminar*, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** *Scrapbook Class at the Hershey TLF*, 10 a.m. to noon; *Welcome Walk*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; *Tea Ceremony*, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; *Kids on the Move*, 4 to 5 p.m.

# Movies

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

## Keystone Theater

**Tonight:** 6 p.m., *Teacher's Pet*, PG; 9 p.m., *Barbershop 2*, PG-13

**Saturday:** noon, *Mona Lisa Smile*, PG-13; 4 & 7 p.m., *Barbershop 2*, PG-13

**Sunday:** noon, *Lord of the Rings 3*, PG-13; 4 p.m., *Barbershop 2*, PG-13; 7 p.m., *The House of Sand and Fog*, R

**Monday:** 7 p.m., *House of Sand and Fog*, R

**Tuesday:** 7 p.m., *Teacher's Pet*, PG

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m., *Lord of the Rings 3*, PG-13

**Thursday:** 7 p.m., *50 First Dates*, PG-13

**March 12:** 6 p.m., *50 First Dates*, PG-13; 9 p.m., *Chasing Liberty*, PG-13

## Foster Theater

**Today:** 6:30 p.m., *Lord of the Rings 3*, PG-13; 10:30 p.m., *House of Sand and Fog*, R

**Saturday:** 1 p.m., *Teacher's Pet*, PG; 4 p.m., *50 First Dates*, PG; 6:30 p.m., *Lord of the Rings 3*, PG-13; 10:30 p.m., *Teacher's Pet*, PG



# Chapel

## Catholic

**Mon.-Fri.:** Mass, noon at Chapel 2  
**Saturday:** Confession, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chapel 2; Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. at Chapel 2

**Sunday:** Mass, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Chapel 1

## Protestant

**Wednesday:** Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.

**Sunday:** Inspirational, 8:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Liturgical, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; Evangelical, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Chapel 1; General Protestant, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 3; Gospel, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Sunday school at 10:45 in Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327

**Hindu service:** noon on Mondays at Chapel 1

**Eastern Orthodox service:** call 645-7486

**Jewish services:** call 637-1027

**Islamic services:** call 636-3219



# Medics wrap up flawless regular basketball season

2nd Lt. Chrystal N. Smith  
18 Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Dental Squadron intramural basketball team finished regular-season play with an unblemished record that sealed their division's championship title, and a bye to the second round of intramural post-season play.

Tuesday night the streak remained intact as the team beat the 18th Munitions Squadron 59 to 51.

Coaches Charles Hodge and Fred McCree both credit great teamwork as the primary reason for their success.

Speaking on behalf of coach Hodge, McCree said, "We believe in the philosophy of teamwork and staying together in unity has allowed us to accomplish this feat," explained the staff sergeant. "The guys work hard and I'm proud of them."

Coach Hodge added that the division champions have some of the Kadena's best players, but they could not have accomplished the success without support from the rest of the team.

"We have great players in McCree, (Airman First Class Theodore) Gaines and (Senior Airman Anthony) Flagg," said Hodge. "They are outstanding players with a great supporting cast. They are the engines that get it going for the team."

This style of play is not uncharacteristic of the team.

As reigning base champions, the team has a diverse group of players with experience ranging from high school to collegiate level.

"This team has experience in all the right positions," said Coach Hodge. "Last year's team had a lot of talent, but this team is more mature in certain spots. We are harder to guard because we have a strong front court and a seasoned point guard."

Players from the other division may argue that the division champs have not played any quality competition, yet both coaches place their confidence in the strength of the unit.



Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

Fred McCree of the 18th Dental/Aerospace Medicine Squadron team slam dunks the ball in a playoff game against the 18th Munitions Squadron Tuesday night.

"A lot of people say we haven't played anyone," said Coach McCree. "We play together as a team. It doesn't matter the team concept works and that's the heart of a champion."

Echoing the same attitude, Coach

Hodge said, "teamwork is important and definitely makes the difference."

The playoffs began Monday and continue through Wednesday to determine who will be the intramural basketball champions for 2004.

## Sport Standings

### Basketball

#### Division 1 Regular season

| Team        | W  | L  |
|-------------|----|----|
| 18 EMS (A)  | 11 | 1  |
| 18 CS (A)   | 10 | 2  |
| 18 CMS (A)  | 9  | 3  |
| 18 LRS (A)  | 8  | 4  |
| 18 MUNS     | 8  | 4  |
| 18 CES      | 7  | 5  |
| 18 SFS      | 7  | 5  |
| 18 SVS      | 6  | 6  |
| 18 AMXS (A) | 4  | 8  |
| 18 EMS (B)  | 3  | 9  |
| 733 AMS     | 3  | 9  |
| 18 CS (B)   | 2  | 10 |

#### Division 2 Regular season

| Team         | W  | L  |
|--------------|----|----|
| 18 DS/AMDS   | 12 | 0  |
| 353 OSS      | 9  | 3  |
| 33 AMU       | 8  | 4  |
| 18 LRS (B)   | 8  | 4  |
| 18 LRS (C)   | 7  | 5  |
| 18 MDOS/MDSS | 7  | 5  |
| 390 IS       | 6  | 6  |
| 909/961      | 6  | 6  |
| 18 MSS       | 6  | 6  |
| 18 MOS       | 4  | 8  |
| 82 RS        | 4  | 8  |
| 18 CMS (B)   | 1  | 11 |

### Playoffs

Monday:  
18th CES 54 | 18th CMS (A) 59  
18th MDSS 47 | 18th LRS (C) 49

18th MUNS 50 | 33rd AMU 46  
390th IS 38 | 18th SFS 38

Tuesday:  
18th EMS 51 | 18th CMS (A) 49  
18th CES 48 | 353rd OSS 47

18th DS/AMDS 59 | 18th CS (A) 75  
18th MUNS 51 | 33rd AMU 33

### Racquetball

#### Division 1

| Team        | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| 18 SFS      | 3 | 0 |
| Det. 1, 554 | 3 | 0 |
| 18 OSS (A)  | 2 | 0 |
| 18 LRS (A)  | 1 | 2 |
| 733 AMS     | 1 | 2 |
| 18 CS       | 1 | 2 |
| 18 CMS      | 1 | 2 |
| 18 CES      | 0 | 4 |

#### Division 2

| Team       | W | L |
|------------|---|---|
| 18 AMXS    | 3 | 0 |
| VP9 (B)    | 1 | 0 |
| VP9 (A)    | 1 | 0 |
| 353 OSS    | 0 | 1 |
| 18 MSS     | 0 | 1 |
| 18 OSS (B) | 0 | 1 |
| 18 MOS     | 0 | 2 |
| 18 LRS (B) | 0 | 2 |

### Volleyball

#### Division 1

| Team       | W | L |
|------------|---|---|
| 18 CES     | 1 | 0 |
| 18 LRS     | 1 | 0 |
| DODDS (A)  | 1 | 0 |
| 18 EMS     | 0 | 1 |
| 18 CMS (A) | 0 | 1 |
| 18 CS (A)  | 0 | 1 |
| 733 AMS    | 0 | 0 |
| 18 SVS     | 0 | 0 |

#### Division 2

| Team       | W | L |
|------------|---|---|
| 390 IS     | 1 | 0 |
| 353 OSS    | 1 | 0 |
| 909/961    | 1 | 0 |
| 18 MDSS    | 0 | 1 |
| DODDS (B)  | 0 | 1 |
| 18 CPTS    | 0 | 1 |
| 18 CS (B)  | 0 | 0 |
| 18 CMS (B) | 0 | 0 |

SOURCE: 18th SVS fitness center staff (current as of Wednesday)

## Battle of the maintainers



Air Force/ Staff Sgt. Anika Williams

(CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE) PASS: John Hosino, of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, targets a teammate during a football matchup between the 18th EMS and the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron as part of a Sports Day competition between the two units Feb. 27.

TOSS: Ben Williams of the 18th CMS, tosses a horseshoe during the Sports Day competition.

SPIKE: Paul Johnson of the 18th CMS, returns a shot from members of the 18th EMS team during a volleyball matchup.

